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Dr. Jeffrey Koenings, Director
Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife
600 Capitol Way N.
Olympia, WA 98501

Dear Dr. Koenings,

I am writing this letter to express my gratitude and sincere appreciation for the assistance and support provided to our Fisheries Technology program students by some of the fisheries biologists and technicians that work for the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. For at least the last five years, John Weinheimer, District 9 Fish Biologist for Region 5, has coordinated a boat electrofishing experience for our students at Vancouver Lake. He has been assisted by Bruce Bolding and Steve Caromile, Fish Biologists in the Warmwater Program and Dean Pyzik, Scientific Technician in Region 5. Dean is a graduate of our program and has been working with John for the past two years.

This experience has been very valuable for our students providing them with hands-on, practical fish sampling experience that they would not be able to get any other way. John, Bruce, Steve and Dean have always been very willing to help us out with this experience and give up some of their very valuable time to help educate our students in this aspect of fisheries work. This experience has proven to be mutually beneficial as WDFW has recruited some volunteer help and hired graduates of our program of which Dean is an example.

In closing, again I would like to express my thanks to WDFW for this experience provided to the students in our program. It is very much appreciated by me and all of the students who have participated. I hope this type of experience can continue into the future.

Sincerely,

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